REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 4 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1, 3-7 are pending in the application. Claim 2 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 2. Allowable claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form. Independent claim 5 has been amended similarly to claim 1. The original claims have also been revised, where appropriate, to improve claim language. New claims 6-7 corresponding to claims 3-4, respectively, have been added. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments.

All claims now include the indicated allowable subject matter, and are believed in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account <u>07-1337</u> and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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